

Gjerdingenite-Fe**K₂Fe(Nb, Ti)₄(Si₄O₁₂)₂(O, OH)₄·6H₂O**

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As pseudo-orthorhombic tabular, lathlike or prismatic crystals to 1 mm, as aggregates to 3 mm. Crystals are elongate along [010] and flattened on {001} showing dominant {100}, {001}. *Twinning:* On {001} from structure analysis.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* None. *Fracture:* Uneven. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 5
D(meas.) = 2.82(2) D(calc.) = 2.830

Optical Properties: Translucent to transparent. *Color:* Pale yellow, brownish yellow, orange-yellow. *Streak:* White to faint yellow. *Luster:* Vitreous to waxy.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). $\alpha = 1.6676(2)$ $\beta = 1.7001(4)$ $\gamma = 1.794(1)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 58.5^\circ$
 $2V(\text{calc.}) = 63.7^\circ$ *Orientation:* $Y = b$. Nonpleochroic.

Cell Data: *Space Group:* C2/m. $a = 14.54(1)$ $b = 13.941(7)$ $c = 7.844(4)$ $\beta = 117.59(4)^\circ$ $Z = 2$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Near Lake Gjerdingen, Gjerdingselva, Lunner, Oppland, Norway.
3.225 (100), 6.92 (80), 3.114 (80), 4.94 (70), 6.42 (50), 2.512 (50), 3.069 (20)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
Na ₂ O	0.69	0.93
K ₂ O	6.03	7.54
CaO	0.05	0.09
MnO	2.90	2.22
FeO	4.31	3.45
Al ₂ O ₃	0.37	0.21
SiO ₂	36.00	39.84
TiO ₂	9.75	11.49
ZrO ₂	0.32	0.26
Nb ₂ O ₅	23.97	23.84
H ₂ O	n.d.	10.13
Total	84.39	100.00

(1) Near Lake Gjerdingen, Gjerdingselva, Lunner, Oppland, Norway; average of 4 electron microprobe analyses, presence of H₂O confirmed by IR and structure analyses.

(2) $\{[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{2.08}\text{K}_{1.20}\text{Na}_{0.72}]_{\Sigma=4}[\text{K}_{2.08}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{1.92}]_{\Sigma=4}\}[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{3.40}\text{K}_{0.56}\text{Ca}_{0.04}]_{\Sigma=4}(\text{Fe}_{0.95}\text{Mn}_{0.75}\square_{0.30})_{\Sigma=2}(\text{Nb}_{4.30}\text{Ti}_{3.45}\text{Fe}_{0.20}\text{Zr}_{0.05})_{\Sigma=8}(\text{Si}_{15.90}\text{Al}_{0.10})_{\Sigma=16}\text{O}_{48}[(\text{OH})_{4.16}\text{O}_{3.84}]_{\Sigma=8}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Mineral Group: Labuntsovite group, kuzmenkoite subgroup.

Occurrence: In miarolitic cavities in a sodic granite.

Association: Quartz, orthoclase, albite, aegirine, kupletskite, elpidite, lorenzenite, pyrochlore, monazite-(Ce), gagarinite-(Y), ralstonite, gearsutite, molybdenite.

Distribution: From near Lake Gjerdingen, Gjerdingselva, Lunner, Oppland, Norway.

Name: For Lake *Gjerdingen* nearby the first discovered occurrence and with the suffix *-Fe* to indicate the dominant cation in the D site.

Type Material: Geological Museum, University of Oslo, Norway (33712, 33713, and 33715).

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